

AN EARLY ACCORD ON PEACE TERMS IS INDICATED BY PROGRESS ALLIES ARE MAKING IN CONFERENCES HELD IN PARIS

Germany Will Get the Terms Early in April, as the Indications Are That the Allied Nations Will Get the Treaty for Ratification Purposes During the Month of March.

SUPREME COUNCIL RESUMED ITS SESSIONS THIS MORNING

FULL ATTENDANCE OF THE MEMBERS

Great Britain and France Are Said to Be Opposed to Returning to Germany Her Colonies.

DECLARES JAPAN DOES NOT WANT TERRITORY

Either in China or Siberia, According to Viscount Uchida's Version, According to Baron Makino.

Paris, Jan. 27.—(By the Associated Press).—The Japanese delegation will, in its attitude on the questions before the peace congress, be inspired by sentiments expressed by Viscount Uchida, the Japanese foreign minister on the opening of the diet at Tokyo, Japan's senior delegate, Baron Makino, said to the Associated Press to-day. The Japanese will, first of all, contribute in every way possible to the conclusion of a just and permanent peace and neither expect nor desire any territorial expansion in China or Siberia, he said.

While declining to discuss with the press any question likely to come before the congress, Baron Makino said: "Our minister of foreign affairs may be regarded as having expressed the views of the peace delegates in outlining the broad policies of Japan. He disposed of any question as to Japan's relations with Russia by declaring that she neither intends nor desires to interfere in Russian affairs, but is willing, if solicited, to aid Russia in restoring order."

"Viscount Uchida gave ample assurance that Japan has no territorial ambition in China. On the contrary, we have solemnly engaged to respect the political and territorial integrity of China. Our country proposes to demonstrate its sincerity by using every endeavor to promote good will and the common welfare."

Asked as to the disposition of Tsingtao, Baron Makino again referred to the foreign minister's address, saying: "Viscount Uchida left no room for doubt as to where Japan stands when he said that if at the peace conference Japan was given the right freely to dispose of Tsingtao, she will hand it back to China under the terms of the notes exchanged between China and Japan in May, 1915."

RAPID PROGRESS MADE.

On Formation of Terms to Be Given to Germany.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The council of ten, as the French now call the ministers of the five great powers, has before it for consideration to-day in executive session, among other things, the questions of territorial adjustments, the abolition of conscription and the economic reconstruction of Germany. These questions, in accordance with the settled method of procedure, will be referred by the council of suitably picked committees.

There appears every prospect that the peace conference will make rapid progress from now on with the work of fixing the peace terms for Germany, as the conference appears to have gotten into its stride. A high French diplomatic authority is quoted by the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail, as estimating that the conference will have the peace terms ready for submission for ratification by the various national governments between the middle and the end of March. If this is accomplished the German delegates will be summoned to Paris early in April for the conclusion of the peace.

The delegates of the small powers will meet at the foreign office this afternoon to choose their representatives to sit on the commissions provided for in the resolutions passed by the peace congress on Saturday. It was understood this morning that the great powers had undertaken to reconsider the decision that the small powers shall have between them only five members on these commissions. Without waiting for a decision on this question, however, the commission will get to work at once.

Liverpool Trading in Futures Feb. 3.

Liverpool, Jan. 27.—Commencing Feb. 3, trading in futures on the cotton exchange here will be extended to include September, under special new contract terms.

FAMINE RELIEF BILL AGREED ON

The Wheat to Be Bought in America as Far as Practicable

NO ENEMY PEOPLE TO BE GIVEN FOOD

But Armenians and Other Friendly People Are to Be Helped

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—An agreement on the administration bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for European famine relief was reached to-day by the Senate and House conferees after a brief session. No material changes were made in the bill by the conferees. All the Senate amendments, with minor changes in phraseology, were adopted, including that by Senator Penrose providing that wheat needed should be bought as far as practicable in America.

Prohibition as added by the Senate against distribution of food to enemy peoples also was provided by the conferees, but the provision was redrafted, so as to insure that Armenians and other friendly peoples in enemy territory might become the subjects of relief.

RICHLY CLAD WOMAN PROBABLY A SUICIDE

Her Body Was Found Between Two Rocks on Ledge Near Tenny, N. Y., and It Must Have Taken Some Effort to Get There.

Tenny, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Although expressing opinion that the richly clad young woman whose body was found yesterday between two boulders on a ledge of the palisades near here, had committed suicide, Dr. W. E. Ogden, local medical examiner, said he might postpone the autopsy for several days, hoping that identification meanwhile would lead to the solution of the mystery of her death.

The woman, according to Dr. Ogden, was about 22 years old. Her hair was unusual in color, being a shade between a light brown and auburn with a glint of red in it. Only one woman in a thousand, he said, would have such tresses. She wore a fur coat, a round fuzzy felt hat, a blue serge tailored suit, cashmere stockings with black and brown stripes, and silk underwear.

To reach the ledge where the body was found, Dr. Ogden said, the woman would have had to lower herself by clinging to brush that gave a precarious handhold.

PICKETING AT HAVERHILL.

Is Outgrowth of Contest Between Rival Labor Organizations.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 27.—The conflict between the boot and shoe workers' union and the shoe workers' protective union, rival organizations for control of the shoe operatives of this city, was reflected to-day in a demonstration and picket cordon at the plant of the Austin H. Perry company. The occasion was the inauguration of an agreement between the Perry company and the boot and shoe workers' union by which the latter's wage list and working conditions were accepted as governing the conduct of the plant.

The effect of the new agreement, according to leaders of the S. W. P. U., was to exclude four hundred of its members from employment. These workers established a line of pickets around the Perry factory and later marched to the S. W. P. U. headquarters, where the situation was discussed.

Several factories in this city have displaced S. W. P. U. contracts with agreements with the B. & S. W. U. Members of the S. W. P. U. have voted at mass meetings to authorize a general strike, if necessary, to maintain the union's contracts.

AMERICAN FORCES TO GIVE UP TOWN

With Russian Allies They Retreated Before the Bolsheviks on the Front South of Archangel.

London, Jan. 27.—Allied forces on the front south of Archangel, mainly American and Russian troops, have evacuated the town of Shengskud, under bolshevik pressure, and withdrawn to a shorter line north of the town, according to an official statement from the British war office to-day on operations in northern Russia.

The Americans and Russians had withdrawn to Shengskud to avoid being outflanked by the bolsheviks, who attacked them on Jan. 22-23, after a bombardment of three days.

WILL FORGIVE D'ANNUNZIO.

Even Though the Poet May Say Hard Things About France.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Poets at times are forgetful, is the heading given in The Matin to-day in a paragraph expressing regret that Gabrielle D'Annunzio, once so freely feted by Paris, has written an article for an Italian journal in which he accuses France of working hand in hand with the Jugo-Slavs against Italy. The poet, The Matin says, has raked history to find arguments to stir Italy against France, going back to the carrying off of the bronze horses from St. Mark's in Venice by Napoleon.

"D'Annunzio," adds the newspaper, "recently declared he would write no more romances, but he has written no more, while this nation will read and forgive, remembering the poet's previous tributes to France and the splendid role he played in inducing Italy to enter the war."

PROPOSE CHANGE IN HIGHWAY LAW

Commission of Three Men Is Recommended by Patrol Committee

SINGLE COM'R PLAN TO BE THROWN OUT

Ratification Comes Before the Vermont House To-night

Legislators are slowly drifting into Montpelier to-day from all parts of the state in readiness for the opening up this evening of the fourth week of the general assembly. And, according to predictions, it is to be "some hummer" of a week.

This evening the House will take up the second reading of the proposed Shepard amendment, and will probably order it to a third reading for to-morrow morning. It is rumored that, if this amendment is ratified this week, a bill immediately be introduced to put Vermont on the water wagon by May 1, or probably before that date. This rumor is still floating about with no apparent parentage.

The proposed highway law, drawn by the patrol committee of Vermont, and which has already been discussed pro and con to some extent, appeared about the State House this morning, printed in full in pamphlet form. The bill is entitled: "An act to establish a state highway department and to define its powers and duties; and vesting therein powers and duties now developed by law upon the state highway commission."

Among the provisions of this new bill are: The creation of a state highway department to be governed by three members, of whom one shall be the governor of the state, ex-officio, another the state engineer, ex-officio, and the third member to be appointed by the governor; the maintaining at the state capitol of an office for this state highway department; the employment of an expert highway engineer to make an investigation of highway conditions in the state and to make report not later than Dec. 1, 1921, recommending for the adoption of the general assembly of that year a definite plan or system of state highways; the abolishing of the office of state highway commissioner and the taking over of the powers of that office by the new state highway department; and the striking out from section 4588 of the general laws the words "the selectmen and town road commissioners, subject to the approval of the state highway commission" and inserting in place thereof the words "state highway board," also the striking out of the words "but the selectmen and road commissioners shall be consulted in regard to such plans and the location of such work." The act also appropriates the sum of \$25,000 to be used for the expenses of the investigation and report mentioned above.

The committee to whom credit is due was composed of President Hugh Christie, Vice-President Charles Leel, Secretary-Treasurer Robert Inglis, George Roberts and William Deans.

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REED-COLLINS.

Head Waitress at Hotel Barre the Bride of Bennington Man.

Miss Anna M. Collins, formerly of St. Albans, for nearly two years head waitress at Hotel Barre, and Matthew J. Reed, manager of the A. & P. store in Bennington, were married this morning at 7 o'clock at St. Mark's church, Rev. P. M. McKenna performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Winifred McDonald of St. Albans, and the groom by A. T. Coleman of St. Albans. Mr. and Mrs. Reed left on the 8:25 train for St. Albans. They will go from there to Portland, Me., on their wedding trip. At its conclusion, they will make their home in Bennington.

Mrs. Reed, who has been a very popular employee at Hotel Barre, was remembered handsomely by the guests of the hotel, and she was also the recipient of a handsome present from her fellow employees at the hotel.

POMONA GRANGE AT PLAINFIELD.

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Boston and Worcester Street Railway Co.'s Employees.

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BURNS CLUB HELD MERRY CARNIVAL

In Celebrating the 160th Anniversary of the Scottish Poet, from Whom the Club Gets Its Name.

If "Bobbie" Burns could have looked at the Woodmen's hall, Worthen Saturday night, he would not have received a surprise, but a welcome. The occasion was the 160th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's immortal poet and marked the 30th consecutive gathering of the like conducted annually by the Burns club of this city. The hall had its decorations of the stars and stripes and the union jack, and Scottish rampant lion. Members, with their wives and guests, made merry the whole evening long. When there wasn't banqueting and speaking, there was dancing, music for which was furnished by Miss Bessie Smith and George Cooper.

During the early hours of the evening, Hugh Christie, president, and master of ceremonies, called the company together, and an excellent menu of delectables proved palatable to all.

A program that will compare favorably with any ever given was worthy of commendation accorded it. Here are some of the toasts and responses: "Toasts to Burns," offered by Charles Leel, responded to by George McLeod, who sang "The Star of Robbie Burns"; "Toasts to Scotland," by William Hurry, response by Mrs. Alex. McHaffie with solo, "The Sunshine of Your Smile"; "Toasts to America," offered by Robert Inglis and responded to by the entire assembly, who rose and sang heartily, "The Star Spangled Banner"; "Toasts to the Ladies," was given by Joseph T. Fraser, Angus McDonald was also called upon for a solo, and his number was loudly applauded.

The president read a letter from a former member, Laughlin Stewart, who has been serving with the Canadian forces over two years, saying that he expected to get back with his former associates in Barre soon.

Remarks on the history of the club and its associations were made by the toastmaster, who also called on City Clerk James Mackay, William Barclay, J. K. Pirie and Alex. Milne. These men touched on the early beginning of the Burns club, its purposes and ideals, and spoke for its words of encouragement.

Although somewhat depleted by the calls from shipyards and munition works, the membership is still active, and a representative gathering marked the success of this year's annual.

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MRS. SMITH STILL ON DANGER LIST

But Frank Mathieu Is Recovering from His Near-Asphyxiation

WOMAN UNCONSCIOUS FOR OVER 48 HOURS

Arthur Keezer's Son Comes to Take Care of Body—Italian Boy Identified.

The condition of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, who was nearly asphyxiated in her two-room flat at 10 Mermaid street Saturday when Arthur Keezer, 37, and John E. Smith, 6, lost their lives and Frank Mathieu, nearly became a victim, was still serious at the City hospital to-day; but Mathieu was reported to be gaining quite rapidly. The latter recovered consciousness yesterday morning and otherwise responded to treatment. Mrs. Smith was nearer death when A. T. Tomasi, owner of the building, rushed in when other tenants complained of leaking gas, and her condition has not materially improved in the two days intervening.

State's Attorney Davis is convinced that the tragedy was the result of carelessness rather than design on anybody's part. The floor of the apartment was locked, and the inside, and Mr. Davis thinks that no one except the four persons inside was mixed up in the affair. He is inclined to the opinion that some person (probably Keezer) endeavored to light the gas stove to make some coffee and that in some confusion of mind the man turned on one of the two fixtures but held the match over the other fixture, then lying down to wait for the coffee to boil, as he supposed. The opened and unlighted fixture let its deadly fumes into the two rooms and snuffed out the lives of two and nearly killed the other two. Mathieu has not been interrogated yet.

Acting on the theory that the deaths were the result of accident, State's Attorney Davis gave permission Saturday afternoon for the funeral of the bodies of Keezer and of the Smith boy to the undertaking rooms of A. W. Badger & Co., where the funeral of the former will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Alphons Keezer of Chelsea, a son of the dead man, came to Barre to-day to look after the funeral arrangements. He said that he did not know where his father was born but knew that he was 37 years of age. Besides the son there is a daughter, Mrs. Mary Reed, who also lives in Chelsea. Mrs. Keezer, wife of the dead man, is still living in some town in Vermont, but her location is unknown to the son. The burial is to be held in Wilson cemetery in Barre town.

The former name of the child who was asphyxiated was John Casparini, whose mother is in the state hospital at Waterbury and whose father resides at 1 George street, this city. The boy was six years of age and was adopted by Mrs. Smith a month after his birth and had been cared for by Mrs. Smith since that time. Mrs. Smith resided at that time in Montpelier and only came to Barre, it is said, last August.

Tenants of the building in which the tragedy occurred and who were well acquainted with the Smith woman and the child declare that the child was receiving good care and always appeared well dressed. He was a bright little chap and was a favorite in the neighborhood of his home. Many people were attracted to the Badger undertaking rooms after the story of the tragedy was printed Saturday and sought to view the remains for purposes of identification.

GRAINED THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE.

At Methodist Church Last Evening Rev. B. G. Lipsky Commended Work.

Last evening's service at the Hedding Methodist church concluded the series of two weeks of evangelistic meetings by the pastor and people. A good number were present and paid close attention to the words of the pastor, Rev. B. G. Lipsky. He took for his text a passage found in Hosea 11:9, "For I am God and not man," making some very helpful remarks in that connection.

He said that it is always hard for men to forgive themselves for their own sins and mistakes and also hard for them to forgive others. We are so made that we find it hard to excuse those who do not agree with our own ideas of right and wrong and the conventionalities of life. He said the Pharisees were unforgiving of Jesus because His ways were different from theirs and because He associated with "publicans and sinners."

He mentioned the efforts of Thomas Mott Osborne and ex-Gov. West of Oregon for the uplift of those who had transgressed the laws of the land, and declared that under a criminal's rough exterior is often found a heart that is ready to respond to a forgiving spirit. The preacher again organized the church choir and has been organized to defeat the efforts of ex-Gov. West and of Mr. Osborne. He said there are in all of us those same possibilities of doing wrong, and often our environment has determined our status in life.

Rev. Mr. Lipsky said in part: "One of the most difficult things for us is the realization that we are all on the same plane, the common plane of humanity. All must reach God. But we do not take the same attitude toward us that we do ourselves. He takes the loving attitude of a father, and would willingly lift the lives of all. God can take anyone who will yield the will. He is glad to make use of us, and of our opportunities and our capabilities. For His love is not finite, such as man's, but is infinite, even as the text says, 'For I am God and not man.'"

The evangelistic services will be continued in place of the regular prayer meeting on Thursday evenings for a time, the pastor delivering a sermon on that evening. Encouraging results have been seen as a result of the series just closed.

RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA.

Dominic I. Murphy Is American Consul-General at Sofia.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Dominic I. Murphy, American consul-general at Sofia, is at Saloniki, recovering from an attack of pneumonia. A report to the state department says he is improving rapidly.